

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A happy New-Year to all!

These are holidays, and our readers, we are sure, will pardon a rather poor paper this week.

Christmas Carols were given to several up town houses on Christmas eve by a quartette of most excellent voices.

J. B. Buckner, Esq., Annapolis, was in Ironton yesterday. He never forgets to give the Register office a friendly call, and he's welcome.

Loser—A gold pen and holder, in a black paper box, 3 or 4 inches long by 1/4 inch square. The finder will be duly rewarded by leaving same at this office.

Jas. Breitenstein and Chas. Coxey, of Bellevue, came in to see us yesterday. We were very busy, but showed them around as well as we could under the circumstances.

The Grand Ball at the Academy of Music to-night (Thursday) will be a big thing. The band boys have all their arrangements completed, and promise a good time to all who go.

Christians passed off quietly, everybody seemingly happier and more prosperous than for several Christmases gone by. The holiday business was better than for years before. May the good times continue.

Bishop Robertson confirmed a class of 12 adults, presented by Dr. Foy, at Crystal City, on the evening of the 16th inst. Among the confirmed were Messrs Fred Butler, James Mound, and W. J. Lester, well-known citizens.

We are pleased to note that Dr. Foy's work is moving on prosperously. He designs, we learn, to take in three or four additional Mission points for week-day evening services after January next. Among them Irondale and Piedmont.

Mr. Louis Philippi, Secretary of the Plate Glass Co., and his wife were baptized by Rev. Dr. Foy on his last visit to Crystal City (3d Sunday in Dec.) and were confirmed on Christmas Day in St. Louis, by Bishop Robertson. Mr. James Little, also, was baptized.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Collins, at Ironton, Mo., a nice little girl, on Christmas day. Collins is, in his own estimation, since the happy event, at least eight feet tall and still growing. All are doing well, and have our best wishes for many years of life and happiness.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church hereby return their thanks to Capt. W. H. Byers for his timely and generous donation to their Christmas Tree—said present consisting of no less than fifteen pounds of fine candles. Every child belonging to the Sunday School profited by it.

A tramp last Saturday attempted to force his way into Mr. Bohleke's house, despite the objections of Mrs. B. When she found he was determined to go in, whether she would or no, she raised the alarm and had him arrested. He was tried before Judge Dinger, who gave him twenty days in jail. 'Tis to be regretted that the whipping-post is out of date.

The editor was not forgotten during the holidays. On the contrary he was very much remembered. A box of cigars from Capt. Byers, another from Geo. Schultz, Esq., and a turkey from his old friend, Thompson, Esq., were among the reminders that Christmas was upon him. Such evidences of good-will are a grateful to us, and we refer to them publicly for that reason—not because of being paid up, or in vain parade. To all, thanks!

Music and Christmas trees were the order of Christmas day and evening in our city. In the morning the Ironon boys demonstrated that numbers are not always necessary for good music. In the afternoon the Pilot Knob boys came down to see us, and brought their horns and drums, and gave us some excellent music; their stay was not long, but lively while it lasted. Several private houses were visited by them, and for which we are authorized to return thanks, and ask them to come again.


Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Dilts, at Pilot Knob, Mo., on Christmas day. It is wholly superfluous to remark that the store of nice things at the disposal of the happy father, is bound to take the bakery, including the wagon at the front door, and all other appurtenances thereto belonging. The family will please accept our sincere congratulations, tendered with many wishes for their future welfare and happiness. Many many Christmases be theirs!

Tuesday last a hunt was organized on Marble creek, this county, in which a large number of hunters took part. The dogs were started on the track of the bear, whose presence in this county has been heretofore mentioned by the *Pineblower*. He was driven southward in the direction of Wayne county, starting from Black Mountain. For five days the chase was kept up by men and dogs. Saturday the bear was brought to bay in the vicinity of Black Mountain, William Matkin's hounds closing in on him. The hunters came up and Captain Charles Matkin sent the first ball into him, and he was instantly killed. He was quickly skinned and the dressed carcass weighed about 150 pounds. The bear killed was one of two cubs and the other and its dam are still roaming the woods of that section. When the hunters of Marble creek start after "bar" meat they are bound to have it. We expect to hear soon that the balance of Bruin's family in this county has been killed.—*Frederickson's Pineblower*.

The Christmas Tree given the Sabbath School, by the M. E. Church, gave entire satisfaction. A great abundance of the Christmas good things had been provided so that not only the members of the school were served, but all present, children, and adults, were made to feel and enjoy the hospitality of the occasion. The house was crowded to almost double its seating capacity, yet good order and attention were maintained throughout. Santa Claus put in his Christmas just in time to deliver the presents, and was plucked from the tree, leaving him as he stood in breathless amazement. A real "Parson" was remembered, and a nice hat, and a good people gave liberally to the good cause. The Whitworth Store slippers and hat, and brotherly kindness, and the cause of being donors will all

ways be remembered with pleasure, and classed among our best friends.
B. F. THOMAS.

Tunnel Driftings.



The gold product of Nova Scotia mines for September and October was about one quarter of a million dollars. The Colorado Coal and Iron Company proposes to light its coal mines at Crested Butte, Colorado, with electric light.

Shipments of iron ore from the Vermillion range, Minnesota, amount to 225,484 gross tons nearly four times the output of 1884. There are within a mile of the corporate limits of Birmingham, Alabama, five of the finest and largest iron furnaces in America. The Western Steel Company is getting its works at Carondelet in good running order. When the works are in full blast, it is expected the output will be between 200 and 250 tons per day.

The old crucible steel works at Cleveland, Ohio, have been leased by the Cuyahoga Rolling Mill Company and will be put into operation at once.

The November output of Lake Superior copper mines footed up 3,463 tons.

All the mills and furnaces in Chattanooga, Tenn., are now in full operation.

The Oxford Iron Company at Oxford, N. J., has started its rolling mill and nail factory.

A company has been organized in Milwaukee with a capital of \$250,000 to build a blast furnace at Ashland, Wisconsin.

Tests have proved that one pound of powder in small blast will loosen about 4 1/2 tons of rock, and in large blast about 2 1/2 tons.

Belgium has withdrawn \$1,200,000 of silver from the Bank of France, within the ten days ended Nov. 26th.

The first recorded discovery of iron ore within the limits of the United States, was made in North Carolina in 1885—exactly three hundred years ago—by the expedition fitted out by Sir Walter Raleigh and commanded by Ralph Lane, which made in that year, on Roanoke Island, the first attempt to plant an English settlement on the Atlantic coast.

At the National copper mine, Michigan, they are now working on a very fine mass of deposit of copper. Some twenty tons have already been cut off.

Mining has become to be a science at this place; hard knocking and good luck is a thing of the past.

Christmas passed off beautifully, and everybody is happy, even the Italians.

The Ore and Steel Company's cashier received a very nice Christmas present at his house on Christmas morning. It was a big boy.

Tonelli and Wiggensien went to Fredericktown to spend Christmas.

Thomas Willoughby, who went to England last summer, has returned to the Knob.

The Knob band turned out Christmas day and treated us to some of the fine music. Come again, boys; we like to hear you.

The product of pig iron in Scotland during 1885 amounts to 1,005,502 tons.

Little Dick is clerk in Dr. Farrar's drug store at the Knob.

The Miners Arms has got splendid ale and as gentlemanly a proprietor as you will find in any place in the county.

Another mine horror—fatal gas explosion—in the Delaware and Hudson Colliery at Mill Creek, Pa., December 14th.

The United States is sending abroad about \$3,000,000 worth of locomotives per annum. The more machinery the more iron ore, you know.

As the fence has become decayed and torn down around the Pilot Knob Cemetery, and nothing to protect those sacred mounds from the boys and girls, would it not be a good plan to get together and try some way of having it fixed up?

After three days rest, Monday morning finds the big wheel once more on the roll, with everybody, even the mule, at his post, eager for the first pull.

The new electric lamps came Monday for the shaft.

Ed. Register.—Christmas passed off quietly in this town. The boys had a fine social dance in the evening at Boss' hall.

Prof. E. C. Waterman, of Graniteville, went to Poplar Bluff last Thursday to spend the holidays.

Geo. Johnson, who has been attending the St. Louis Manual Training School, came home Christmas for the holidays.

Prof. I. M. Shannon, of Loughboro, spent Saturday and Sunday in town. Wonder if he don't need a "Boss"?

Mr. Rodach is slowly improving.

Drs. Outter and Jenkins, of the I. M. Ry. hospital, came down Sunday to hold a consultation with Drs. Goulding and Farrar on Mr. R. Newall, at Graniteville.

Ed. Wolf and wife are visiting friends in Booneville.

Miss K. Boehling, night operator here, spent Christmas with her parents at Sulphur Springs, Mo.

Last Saturday night, Ed. Thomas, from Bellevue, got on a big drunk at Graniteville and tried to clean out everything. While fighting in Block's saloon some one hit him on the head with a club, as is supposed, and it is doubtful if he recovers. It would seem that a man who had been through so much trouble as Thomas has would be peaceable, but whiskey made him a fighter and the results are plain to be seen. "Huzy."

John Smith, Marble Hill, is in town. A. J. Smith spent Sunday in Ironton. Mrs. Eda Rudy went to St. Louis last week. Col. Sypher, Iron Mountain, was in Ironton Sunday.

J. B. White, Iron Mountain, was in town Monday.

Miss Maggie Jones, Paragould, Ark., is visiting Miss Dora Ake.

Guiz. Moser came home Wednesday to spend the holidays.

Harry Ake, Marianna, Ark., was in Ironton Monday.

F. P. Ake made a trip to Poplar Bluff Monday.

Wm. Twitler, St. Louis, spent Christmas in Ironton.

Harry Zeigler left for his home, Springfield, Mo., last Friday.

Miss Laura Brown went to St. Louis last week to spend Christmas.

Miss Little Buford, Bellevue, was in Ironton Tuesday.

Miss Maud Wilson and friend spent Christmas in St. Louis.

Chas. Kindel spent Tuesday in De Soto.

Hon. Henderson Chitwood, of Reynolds county, spent Christmas day in Ironton.

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Schneiderville.
(Which, being translated into U. S., means "Sleepy Hollow.")

Ed. Register.—Observing that the correspondence from our town(?) of late has been peculiarly conspicuous for its absence, I venture to submit a few items for the edification of those of your readers who are so fortunate as to be aware of the existence of this place, and so unfortunate as to be interested therein.

Every thing about "Sleepy Hollow" is taking shape.

Everybody in town has been on a spree, with the exception of "Yr. Humble Servant," and he did not lack inclination, but "filthy lucre."

The "weather clerk" must surely be off somewhere, on a jamboree, for he has forgotten to send us our usual dose of disagreeable weather for some time, and the unusual occurrence of a "black Christmas" is often remarked about here.

But that didn't prevent our esteemed townsman, Mr. J. Fitzpatrick, from doing the hospitalities of the day. With his characteristic geniality he sat upon a rock and discussed (and cussed) the future Prob's, while his estimable lady, armed with ladle and carving knife, dispensed egg-nog and goodies to their many callers. "Pete," may you have many returns of the merry day!

There is a rumor about that the enterprising firm of Schneider & Wright will soon resume operations in the quarries. That reminds us that the genial face of "Billy," the former foreman and business man of the firm, is again to be seen in this vicinity. Glad to see you back, William; hope you've come to stay.

Mr. James Maxwell made a flying visit to "Sleepy Hollow" Saturday, returning to Bismarck next day.

Mr. J. Carter, our carpenter, is engaged in the erection of a dwelling for Jack Kirwin, of Graniteville. John is the "boss carp." of this burg, and that's the reason they're after him when they want to build any thing on the hill.

Mrs. Cuthbert, nee Fitzpatrick, accompanied by her husband, James C., who is well known about here, is enjoying a short visit to the romantic crags and blooming heaths of "Bonnie Scotland."

Johnny Parker, of Iron Mountain and Prof. Davis, and M. Putman, called to see the town(?) Christmas eve. Next day Bob, started for New Madrid to dispose of some real estate, while J. and M. went where? Echo answers, where! Gloomy spirits can't rest within sound of their cheerful voices, no more! Old Nick can stay from a Ball Masque. Come often, boys, and drive "duff care" from "Sleepy Hollow."

Too many friends of Mrs. L. Maxwell will be sorry to learn that that lady is confined to her bed by an attack of what is feared to be brain fever. She is very ill at present, but it is earnestly hoped she will speedily recover.

Miss Addie Carter, our village belle, is visiting friends in Bellevue. Come back soon; we miss your smiling face very much.

And by the way

The famous trio of Schneiderville, Have won the select beaux of Granite Hill. With their kiss-me-quick and fascinators, They've got them as solid as cold potatoes.

Things are getting interesting here. I'd have you know we're just waiting for developments.

J. McKinney and lady returned from a very pleasant visit to relatives on Black River the other day.

That is all I know at present

A. SAINT.
Schneiderville, December 29th, 1885.

On the Wing.

Having closed out the school on Reed's Creek, a rest was needed, and the writer took to the woods by way of Ironton. Leaving that point at 4:20 A. M., Bismarck was reached in twenty-five minutes, and after an excellent breakfast, was left at 8 A. M., and Marquand was reached at 11:20 A. M., and after a dinner fit for a King, a private conveyance was taken at 3 P. M., and in three hours a point was reached on the Fredericktown and Marble Hill route, twelve miles south of Marquand, where this letter is being written. And now for notes by the way.

Bismarck, DeLassus and Knob Lick have all grown greatly since I last saw them. Although Marquand has a picturesque location in an extensive mudhole, yet it is doing considerable business. There were not less than fifty teams on the streets at one time. Among the articles of country produce on the streets I noticed railroad ties, hoop poles, pine lumber, various kinds of grain, and two well dressed and very pretty young ladies who came from the region of Patton, in Bollinger county.

Marquand has three doctors already, and a fourth one coming. Three stores, three blacksmith shops, one planing mill, one drug store and a good hotel. There is no saloon, but a gallon house protects the population against snake bites. Three churches afford weary pilgrims a chance to dilute their brimstone before they cross the line.

In this country wolves and dogs are numerous, but deer and sheep are scarce. There are a few wild turkeys. The climate is malarial, owing to the undeveloped gravelly of the country. The soil is somewhat gravely in places, but not rocky. Compared with Iron county the hills are lower and soil superior. Many of the valleys are very wide. The natural agricultural possibilities of the country are boundless.

Very close observation, especially within the last six months, has revolutionized my views of malaria, or at least led to a classification of malarious agencies, into those that arise from the character of the country, and those that arise from the moral character of the people. There is another question.

In how far Pseudomalaria is newly the cropping out of another disease lying back of it. My main reason for visiting this region was to get light on those points. Dr. Henderson takes me to visit his patients so that I can see fairly.

THOMAS CALAHAN.
Dec. 26th, 1885.

Our Spelling-match.

Ed. Register.—Perhaps your readers think spelling-matches went out of date soon after the reign of the "Hoosier schoolmaster." If so, where again should they be revived but in the Missouri Normal School of Cape Girardeau.

Of the one hundred and eighty-five pupils of this school, there were only fifty volunteers for the spelling contest which came off the evening of December 18th, 1885. Yes, there were fifty volunteers about two weeks before that eventful night, but before that time had expired, the number was reduced to thirty-two faithful, earnest contestants.

At 7 P. M., the Normal Hall, which will comfortably seat one thousand people, was partly filled with an interesting and cultured audience.

The exercises were opened with a chorus by the "Normal choir." Then came the three hours contest which was seemingly undecided for two hours. The spelling

book used was, "Swinton's Word Book." The words were very clearly and accurately pronounced by Prof.'s Mescha, Douglas and Davis. When the English words were given out, the spellers remained true to their "mother tongue," but the ranks were quickly broken when the reserved words (French) were buried at them: with all the force imaginable. One by one, sometimes two, by two, they took their seats, the gentlemen with long and disappointed faces, the ladies with heavy hearts and tear wet lashes. When the number dwindled to three, the audience were held in suspense for about thirty minutes. Finally, the number was reduced to two. Then ensued the terrible conflict for the first prize, which was "Webster's Unabridged Dictionary." It was awarded to Mr. Rudolph Babb, Cape Girardeau, of Class "A" or the graduating class of the coming June, 1886. The second prize, Shakespeare's Complete Works, bound in three volumes, was awarded to the *speller* of the school, Mr. Sam Hamilton, brother of Prof. A. V. Hamilton, of this place. Thus the old adage was proven, "Many were called, but few were chosen."

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Very Respectfully,
S. A. R.
Cape Girardeau, Dec. 19th, 1885.

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IRONTON, MO., Dec. 12, 1885. 31.
PHILIP PARISO.

Notice.
Dr. Albert Carr, of Annapolis, Iron county, Mo., having died, the estate of Carr, Towl & May is hereby given to the care of George W. Towl, of Iron County, Mo., and the public is warned not to let her have goods or other property on my account.
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PHILIP PARISO.

Administrator's Notice.
Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of George W. Towl, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of November, 1885, by the Probate Court of Iron County, Mo., and all persons having claims against said estate, or if such claims be not exhibited within two years from time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.
MARTIN A. BROWN.

Prepared by
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Sole Agents for Iron County, Mo.,
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